

21 September 1979

NOTE FOR DDCI

SUBJECT: Recent Events re Cuban Situation

1. A number of things have occurred today of which you should be aware. Things are in a state of flux so much of this may change, but as of 1600 Friday this is where we stand.

- AM: DCI called by Cutler, advised that a White Paper is being prepared against the possibility the Soviets reject our position.
- AM: DCI goes to meet Cutler.
- PM: DCI returns and sets in motion preparation for special Monday briefings.
  - White House is organizing a special "establishment" group to advise (?) President in event he must take action following Soviet rejection.
  - A special sub-group (Blue Ribbon Panel) is being formed to review all intelligence related to Soviets in Cuba.

Being asked are:

Clark Clifford (to be Chairman) *accepted (as of Sat AM)*  
 William Scranton  
 McGeorge Bundy *accepted*  
 Brendt Scowcroft  
 Sol Linowitz *accepted*  
 David Packard *accepted*  
 John McCone *accepted*

- Whoever finally comprises this group will come to the the Agency Monday, for lunch through dinner (may return Tuesday as well) for a thorough briefing/review of what we know and have been able to piece together. (Hedley Donovan may accompany.)
- When they are done they will report to their larger body (composition unknown) re whether they feel the evidence supports the Administration's case.

(S)

*Donovan & Cutler  
will attend lunch --  
didn't know how much  
else.*

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2. On Monday they will be given a series of briefings in the following order (see attached draft agenda):

- DCI give overview (at working lunch) based on updated version of Congressional testimony

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- Inman give summary of SIGINT evidence

- [ ] review imagery evidence

- [ ] review HUMINT

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- [ ] provide chronological summary (side by side) of what the Community was saying and what was publicly said

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- [ ] to briefly go over the history of collection priorities

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- [ ] to discuss current collection capabilities.

The object is to brief and allow plenty of time for discussion/questions. By doing it here, quick access can be had to analysts for answers. (S)

3. Attending throughout will be Bruce Clarke, [ ] Bobby Inman, Gene Tighe, [ ] (plus perhaps some others). Briefers will come in at their assigned times. (Inman may not be able to get here until 1330.)

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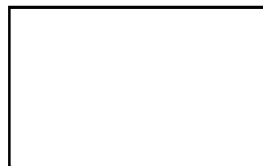
Whether you and the Director will be present throughout or just selectively remains to be determined. (Your schedule now precludes you from attending the lunch session.) (C)

4. A notebook will be prepared for all of the key participants with basic data (including all NSA material) for sending/reference. This will be provided OOB Monday. (S)

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Cuba Blue Ribbon Panel Briefing Schedule

DCI Conference Room  
Monday, 24 September 1979

1230-1245: Guests Arrive  
Meet with DCI, DDCI, Bruce Clarke, [REDACTED] O/DCI

1300 : Working Lunch  
DCI Overview  
(DCI, DDCI, Clarke, [REDACTED] Tighe)

1340-1430: SIGINT Summary (Inman)

1430-1445: Break

1445-1530: Imagery Summary [REDACTED]

1530-1615: HUMINT Summary [REDACTED]

1615-1630: Break

1630-1700: Chronology Summary [REDACTED]

1700-1715: History of Collection Priorities [REDACTED]

1715-1745: Current Collection Capabilities [REDACTED]

1745-1815: Wrap-up/Executive Session

1815-1830: Security Debrief (Clarke)

1830 : Dinner

*Inman has another  
lunch, will try to  
make it by 1330.*

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22 September 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Lloyd Cutler,  
21 September 1979 (U)

1. John McCone has accepted for next Monday. He will call the Agency and ask for a car to pick him up rather than rely on the White House. (U)
2. Mr. Cutler will try to get him a reservation at the Metropolitan Club or the Madison Hotel and will notify us of what arrangements have been made. (U)
3. Clifford, Linowitz, Packard and Bundy have all accepted. (U)
4. Hedley Donovan and Lloyd Cutler will come to the luncheon. Donovan will probably stay; Cutler will not after the luncheon. (U)
5. Mr. Cutler thought our outline for the briefings sounded good. (U)
6. He thought we should get across what the United States said to the Soviets and vice versa during the Cuban Missile Crisis with respect to ground units. (C)
7. He thought we should get across the points that I showed him today on why we think it is a training unit and why someone might think it is not a training unit. I told him those were going to be incorporated into my briefing. He agreed that was the best place to do it. (S)

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